

Discussion Guide for October 3, 2019 Meeting

SaMS Non-Traditional BMP Workgroup

During this meeting, we will continue our discussions on action items identified at our [previous meeting in March 2019](#). Our goal for this meeting is to make decisions to finalize this group's recommendations, which comprises the content of draft documents shared in advance of this meeting. To help identify levels of support for these recommendations, we may poll members, conducting that process similarly to the polling at the 3rd SAC meeting ([process document here](#)).

The below questions are to help facilitate discussions during our meeting.

Best Practices for Non-Professionals of Winter Maintenance

Best practices for commuters/drivers and residents were drafted to help inform this audience on actions they can take and to support future development of outreach materials. It was agreed at our last meeting that this workgroup would focus on developing the specific best practices to recommend, not how to message those best practices.

Commuter / Driver Best Practices

1. The connection between driver behavior and salt use is not readily obvious, so this draft attempts to address driver expectations and promote safety. Is this something the workgroup still supports as a component of the SaMS?
2. If supported, how best to present this content to encourage its use?

Resident Best Practices

3. The draft documents identifies best practices residents may implement around their homes to reduce their application of salt. It is comprised of a quick guide that can be made into a pamphlet, a slightly more detailed guide that can go on the web, and two topical guides that can go on the web to help the interested reader learn more. Are there questions on the draft content or organization of that content?
4. How best to present this content to encourage its use?

Non-Chloride Deicers

Two action items were to develop a matrix summarizing the pros and cons of various non-chloride deicers. Also, to propose a process to pilot any new deicers/mixtures of deicers.

Summary Matrix

5. Is there other information in this draft that you think will be helpful to include?

Process for Piloting

6. The process outlined includes environmental impact considerations, which is not always considered in other existing piloting processes used by the industry. Does the workgroup support this inclusion?
7. Are there other considerations or steps that should be included?

Contracting for Non-Transportation Winter Maintenance

8. Due to complexities in identifying recommended language, the approach to address this action item was to summarize the “elements” recommended for consideration in a winter maintenance contract for non-transportation projects that promote best practices. Does this approach provide sufficient information to guide a business or entity desiring to improve their winter maintenance contracts?

Comparison of Existing Certification / Training Programs

9. Considering the intent of this comparison is to provide an overview of the programs and what each covers without endorsing any one, is the content helpful to a reader interested in such a program?
10. What are the workgroup’s thoughts on how to include this information in the SaMS? Is solely a resource or does this information support a recommendation for future certification program development or considerations?

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

11. How best to frame this workgroup’s recommendations in the final SaMS document? Should the main body of the report have more overview and intent of content with the specific materials in the appendix? For example, the best practices for residents discussed in general terms in the main body of the report with the specifics (for instance the draft document provided with this material) provided in report’s appendix.
12. Is a 4th meeting needed, based upon this meeting’s progress? Can any loose ends be wrapped through either email or a conference call?